

retreat of the German-Bulgarian forces in the Cerna Bend under the assault of the Serbians is admitted in the official statement issued by the War Office to-day. According to the statement the Bulgarians have fallen back on a line four to six miles west of Iven, the last town west of the Cerna Bend captured by the Serbians.

GERMANS CLAIM CAPTURE OF VILLAGE FROM THE FRENCH

BERLIN, Nov. 16 (By wireless to Sayville).—Attacks by British troops on the German lines along the road from Mailly to Serre, and also to the southeast of Beaumont, north of the River Ancre were beaten off by the Germans in hand-to-hand fighting, the War Office announced to-day.

Following is the text of to-day's War Office report on the operations on the Somme front:

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"In the evening Hanoverian Fusilier Regiment No. 78 stormed the tenaciously defended French trenches on the north edge of St. Pierre Vaast Wood. Eight officers and 324 men and five machine guns were brought in.

"In the fighting yesterday in the sector of Ablaincourt-Pressoir the line was unchanged.

"Thirty-nine Belgians were victims of a hostile air attack on Ostend. As a reprisal against the bombing of peaceful Lorraine villages, Nancy, in the course of the last few days, has been shelled and bombed."

PARIS, Nov. 16.—The French last night recaptured the portion of the village of Pressoir, on the extreme southern end of the Somme front, which the Germans occupied yesterday, the War Office announces.

The statement continued the report that in yesterday's violent assault the Germans utilized three entire divisions of troops—60,000 men of all classes—and lost heavily. Their net advantage was lost when the French regained the captured ground during the night.

Following is the text of to-day's French War Office report:

"North of the Somme the enemy did not renew his attempts against our front.

"South of the Somme we made an attack during the night against the eastern portion of Pressoir which had been occupied by the enemy. Here the French troops resisted with admirable energy, and, thanks to this tenacity, coupled with the determination of

our troops, we drove the Germans from the village. At the end of a ferocious fight under a bombardment of extreme violence Pressoir is now entirely in our possession, and our gains of Nov. 7 have been in all respects maintained. According to recent information the enemy, who brought forward to take part in this attack forces belonging to three different divisions, suffered very heavy losses as a result of the serious check we put upon him."

PETROGRAD CLAIMS MACKENSEN'S ARMY IS IN FULL RETREAT

PETROGRAD, Nov. 16.—(via London).—The war office announces that Field Marshal Von Mackensen's Army is in retreat in Dobruja, burning villages as it falls back. On the Transylvanian front, in the region of Campulung, Roumania, terrific fighting is in progress.

MUCHAREST, Roumania, Nov. 15.—(via London).—Roumania's forces operating in southern Transylvania yesterday retired toward Areful and Hladacine, in the Alt Valley, and in the direction of Capriciosa, in the Jiu Valley, according to an official statement issued to-day by the Roumanian War Department.

BERLIN, Nov. 16.—(By wireless to Sayville).—Russian troops in strong force attacked the Austro-German lines east of the Putna Valley, on the Western Moldavian border, the War Office announced to-day in its statement on the campaign against the Roumanians. The attacks were fruitless, the announcement declared.

The Roumanians also attacked in the Otus pass region, but have also failed of success.

The Roumanians are offering stubborn resistance to the Austro-German advance along the pass roads into Wallachia. The invading forces made progress in the Rothenthurm and Szurdok regions and captured yesterday more than 1,300 prisoners. The text of the statement follows:

"Army group of Field Marshal von Mackensen.—In Dobruja there were minor engagements of advanced detachments.

"The Roumanian report of the occupation of Bonasova (Banas) is an invention.

"At several places along the River Danube there were artillery duels without success.

"Transylvanian East Front: To the east of the Putna Valley strong Russian attacks failed. North of Iulita Austro-Hungarian detachments made a reconnaissance raid against Mount Alunina. Near Somozeu, in the Otus Pass region, Roumanian attacks were without success.

"The activity north of Campulung increased. Along the roads leading southward through Rothenthurm and Szurdok Passes the Roumanians tenaciously defended their own territory. We made progress yesterday and captured five officers and more than 1,300 soldiers."

RUSSIAN ATTACK GERMANS NEAR RIGA; DEFEATED, SAYS BERLIN

BERLIN (By wireless to Sayville), Nov. 16.—An attack by Russian troops on the German lines southeast of Riga, on the Russian front, was repulsed, the War Office announced in to-day's official statement.

In the southern part of the wooded Carpathian mountain activity was repulsed.

PETROGRAD, Nov. 16 (via London).—The War Office announces that the Russian army is taking place over the whole front. In the neighborhood of Lake Narocz and in several sections along the River Stokhod this bombardment was above the average intensity. In the region north of Chelov, Russian artillery, using shells charged with chemicals, successfully bombarded the enemy's position.

Southeast of Lemberg the Germans made an energetic attack, but were beaten back.

BERLIN REPORTS SINKING OF 12,000 TON TRANSPORT

London Says Story Is Intended to Explain Away Torpedoing of the Arabia.

LONDON, Nov. 16.—The official press bureau gave out to-day the following official German statement:

"On Nov. 6 a German submarine sank by a torpedo a hostile transport of about 12,000 tons, eight nautical miles west of Malta."

The British Admiralty appends this comment to the German statement:

"The announcement is an obvious attempt to explain away an outrageous and inhuman act in torpedoing a mail steamer without warning. The only ship sunk in the Mediterranean on Nov. 6 was the Italian mail steamer Arabia, 7,933 tons, sunk without warning about 200 miles east of Malta."

GERMANY RULES ALL ARMED SHIPS LEGITIMATE PREY

They Can No Longer Claim Immunity as Peaceful Traders, Says Zimmerman.

WILL SINK NEUTRALS.

Will Not Spare Them if They Carry Contraband of War to Allies.

BERLIN, Nov. 16.—Germany intends vigorously to prosecute her submarine warfare, refusing to recognize armed ships as peaceful merchant traders, and sinking the ships of neutral nations which bear ammunition or contraband of war.

This plain pronouncement was made to-day by Under Secretary of State Zimmerman in a definition of the German attitude. The statement of Mr. Zimmerman was made to explain what Germany meant when she said that no changes were contemplated in the submarine programme as it was understood to have been laid down in the pledges given by Germany to President Wilson.

"German naval forces are sinking neutral merchant ships," said Dr. Zimmerman, "when they carry ammunition or other contraband shipments to our enemies that are likely to lengthen the war."

"We are conducting cruiser warfare with submarines in compliance with the rules of international law. Germany cannot sit quietly, hands in lap, and watch the illegal blockade of neighboring neutrals, but must keep up her end in the economic war forced on her by England with the same relentless determination that marks operations on all purely military fronts."

"If neutrals have to lament the loss of ships and cargoes, it should be remembered that the real blame lies with England. As the armament of several British merchant ships has been used against us, contrary to the English declaration, of course armed ships cannot be considered as peaceful trade boats."

"England has consistently violated neutral commerce and reduced it to a state of bondage, extending its power and seeking in some cases to compel the carrying of contraband to our enemies. By blocking neutral countries, compulsory chartering of neutral tonnage, extending the contraband list, and other high-handed and illegal methods, she has more and more succeeded in compelling neutral trade to comply with her demands."

"We are merely seeking, in self-defense, to put an end to contraband shipments to our enemies. Neutrals have an effective remedy against the loss of ships by discontinuing the carrying of contraband."

TWO NEUTRAL STEAMERS ARE REPORTED SUNK

Norwegian and Greek Ships the Latest Victims of the U-Boat Raiders.

LONDON, Nov. 16.—The Greek steamship Barbara and the Norwegian steamship Lokken are reported to have been sunk.

The Barbara, 2,831 tons gross, sailed from Harry, Wales, Nov. 8, for St. Johns, N. F. The Lokken, 1,844 tons gross, was last reported in the Tyne on Oct. 26.

VILLISTAS KILL GERMAN, HIS WIFE AND BABY, TOO

Subject of Kaiser, With His Family, Reported Victims of Bandits When Parral Was Captured.

EL PASO, Nov. 16.—Theodore Hoemulder, a merchant of Parral, Chihuahua, together with his wife and baby, were killed by Villa bandits when Villa captured Parral, a report received here by a Parral mining company station.

Hoemulder is said to have been a German subject.

Speed Boat Baby Rambler and Two Men Missing in Peru Strait.

TOLEDO, Nov. 16.—Clint Wynn and Schuyler Bartholomew are missing since Tuesday morning, when they started in the teeth of a gale to drive Commodore Greening's speed boat Baby Rambler from Monroe, twenty miles away, to Toledo for drydock. They have not been heard from since. The Baby Rambler was one of the fastest semi-hydroplanes on the Great Lakes and had been a contender in Interlake Yachting Association regattas since she was built five years ago.

Democratic Congress Candidate Was Killed in Peru Strait.

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 16.—The official count of the ballots cast in the Thirtieth Congressional District was resumed to-day when the returning board took up McKee's case. The first seven precincts showed that Mr. Clyde Kelley, Democrat, had a net gain of 38 over the unitary figures, which left Representative William H. Coleman leading by 23 votes.

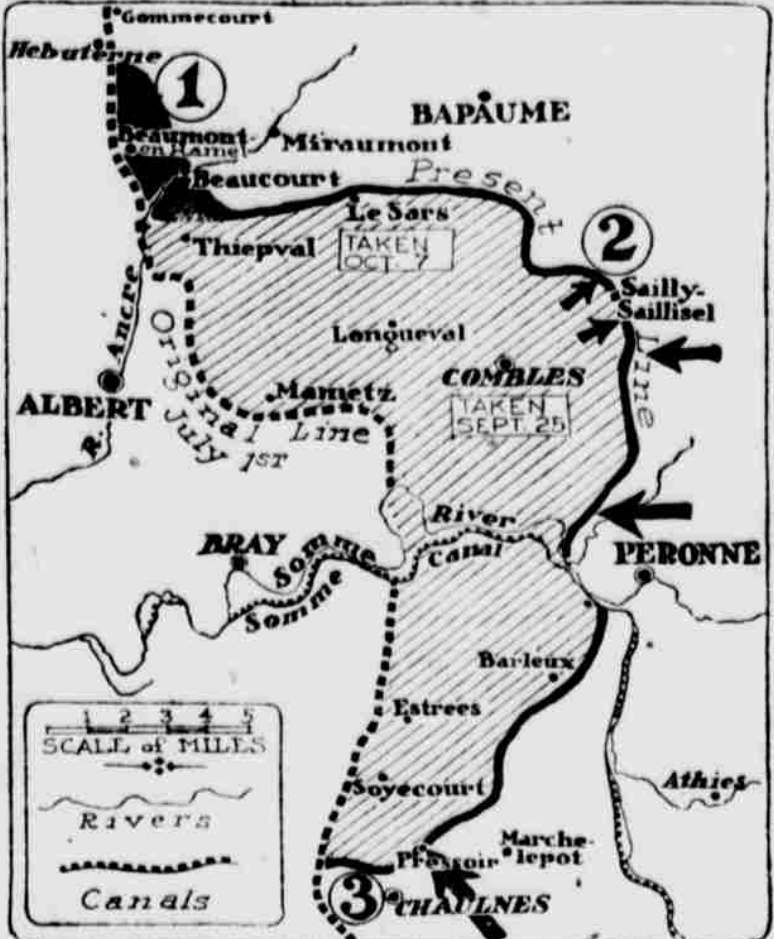
New Yorker Elected President of Miners' Congress.

CHICAGO, Nov. 16.—Walter Douglas of New York was today elected President of the American Mining Congress which is holding its annual meeting in this city.

Crushed Between Broadway Cars.

While crossing Broadway at Twenty-fourth Street Louis Meyers, a merchant of No. 48 St. Nicholas Place, was caught between two surface cars going north and south. Meyers was taken to the New York Hospital suffering from internal injuries.

Map Showing New Operations As Battle of Somme Spreads



In this general view of the battlefield of the Somme, the numeral 1 and arrow marks the point of the new British offensive, which began on Monday, and has pushed the German lines on both banks of the Ancre, 16 to 20 miles, for a depth of more than a mile. No. 2 marks the point where the latest French attacks have been answered by German counter-attacks, extending from Les Bouis, northeast of Comble, to a point a little north of the Somme. No. 3 marks the direction of the opening of the German counter-offensive, later extended to the north bank of the Somme. So far, Paris reports, the German counter-attacks have had only slight, local success.

EXPLOSION KILLS 150 ON A RUSSIAN STEAMER

650 Others Wounded on the Ammunition Ship Baron Brezeni in Archangel Harbor.

LONDON, Nov. 16.—The Stockholm newspaper Afton Tidningen says that some days ago an explosion occurred on board the Russian ammunition steamer Baron Brezeni in Archangel Harbor.

The Russian steamer and another steamer, the despatch adds, were destroyed. Several buildings near the harbor and two barracks were set on fire and destroyed.

DEUTSCHLAND BALLAST TO BE USED AS "IRON MEN"

Souvenirs of Submarine Will Be Sold in Aid of German Widows and Orphans.

NEW LONDON, Conn., Nov. 16.—Iron ballast weighing 129 tons, brought over on the German submarine merchantman Deutschland, is to be converted into "Deutschland iron men," to be sold as souvenirs for the benefit of German widows and orphans of the war, it was stated to-day.

The souvenirs will be a little smaller than an American silver dollar and they will bear impressions in relief showing the Deutschland, and Captain Koellig's signature. It is said that some of the metal came from a dark battleship gray and is now considered ready to make a start at any minute on her trip across the Atlantic.

PROHIBITION MOVE STARTED IN BRITAIN

Notice Given of the Introduction of a Resolution in the House of Commons.

LONDON, Nov. 16.—A motion that the manufacture of intoxicating liquor should be prohibited will be made in the House of Commons, according to notice given by a group of members after the speech of Walter Runciman, President of the Board of Trade, on the food situation.

The members of the group, their notice stated, will move that this prohibition should be imposed in view of Mr. Runciman's grave statements respecting the shortage of corn, sugar and other foodstuffs.

FINED \$25 FOR FALSE "ADS."

Susman Would Stock a House and Sell Out, Say Police.

Arnold Susman of No. 30 West Fifty-second Street was fined \$25 in Special Sessions Court this afternoon for inserting false and misleading advertisements in the newspapers.

It was his practice, according to the police, to stock a house with furniture and then advertise in such a way as to give prospective purchasers the idea they were participating in a genuine sale of household effects.

Boy Is Stricken in Street.

Eight-year-old Samuel Cohen, who lives at No. 353 Beekman Avenue, the Bronx, was taken suddenly ill at 141 One Hundred and Forty-third Street and Beekman Avenue. He was taken to a nearby drug store where he died. Dr. Beluck, who was called from the scene, said he could not find anything suspicious.

20 DARE DEVILS START IN VANDERBILT CUP RACE

New Record Expected in Annual Auto Contest Run To-Day at Santa Monica, Cal.

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Nov. 16.—Twenty drivers got away to-day in the eleventh Vanderbilt Cup road race, with M. J. Moosie and Lewis Jackson getting the starter's flag first, the others following in pairs at ten seconds intervals. The course measures a trifle over 24 miles, or thirty-five circuits of about an eight and one-half mile triangular boulevard.

Besides the cup and prize money there was at stake for the winner of 900 points in the season's American Automobile Association's competition for the title of Master Driver of the World and \$13,500, in which Johnny Aitken has a lead of 240 points over Dario Resta.

Fair weather promised good conditions for the long grind, and there were expectations of breaking the record of 75.6 miles an hour, established on the same course by De Palma, winner in 1914.

MRS. BOISSEVAIN STILL FIGHTING HARD FOR LIFE

Has Fifth Blood Transfusion Operation After All Hope Was Abandoned.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Nov. 16.—After hope had been abandoned by her friends and attendants yesterday following a relapse, Inez Milholland-Boissevain, noted suffrage leader, underwent a fifth blood-transfusion operation during the night and was fighting for life to-day.

Her condition was reported unchanged. Surgeons said to-day her chances for recovery were slight.

WINNERS AT BOWIE.

FIRST RACE—Maiden two-year-olds and a half furlongs—Kentucky Boy, 112 (Haynes), straight \$5.70, place \$4.40, show \$2.40; second, 112 (Hesteroff), place \$11.40, show \$3.60; third, Tyrant, 112 (Buttwell), show \$2.30; third, 112 (Gunnings), place \$3.00, show \$1.00; fourth, 112 (Gunnings), place \$3.00, show \$1.00; fifth, 112 (Gunnings), place \$3.00, show \$1.00; sixth, 112 (Gunnings), place \$3.00, show \$1.00; seventh, 112 (Gunnings), place \$3.00, show \$1.00; eighth, 112 (Gunnings), place \$3.00, show \$1.00; ninth, 112 (Gunnings), place \$3.00, show \$1.00; tenth, 112 (Gunnings), place \$3.00, show \$1.00; eleventh, 112 (Gunnings), place \$3.00, show \$1.00; twelfth, 112 (Gunnings), place \$3.00, show \$1.00; thirteenth, 112 (Gunnings), place \$3.00, show \$1.00; fourteenth, 112 (Gunnings), place \$3.00, show \$1.00; fifteenth, 112 (Gunnings), place \$3.00, show \$1.00; sixteenth, 112 (Gunnings), place \$3.00, show \$1.00; seventeenth, 112 (Gunnings), place \$3.00, show \$1.00; eighteenth, 112 (Gunnings), place \$3.00, show \$1.00; nineteenth, 112 (Gunnings), place \$3.00, show \$1.00; twentieth, 112 (Gunnings), place \$3.00, show \$1.00.

SECOND RACE—Two-year-olds, seven furlongs—Alford, 104 (Ambrose), straight \$9.80, place \$4.10, show \$2.80; second, 104 (Ambrose), place \$11.40, show \$3.60; third, 104 (Ambrose), place \$11.40, show \$3.60; fourth, 104 (Ambrose), place \$11.40, show \$3.60; fifth, 104 (Ambrose), place \$11.40, show \$3.60; sixth, 104 (Ambrose), place \$11.40, show \$3.60; seventh, 104 (Ambrose), place \$11.40, show \$3.60; eighth, 104 (Ambrose), place \$11.40, show \$3.60; ninth, 104 (Ambrose), place \$11.40, show \$3.60; tenth, 104 (Ambrose), place \$11.40, show \$3.60; eleventh, 104 (Ambrose), place \$11.40, show \$3.60; twelfth, 104 (Ambrose), place \$11.40, show \$3.60; thirteenth, 104 (Ambrose), place \$11.40, show \$3.60; fourteenth, 104 (Ambrose), place \$11.40, show \$3.60; fifteenth, 104 (Ambrose), place \$11.40, show \$3.60; sixteenth, 104 (Ambrose), place \$11.40, show \$3.60; seventeenth, 104 (Ambrose), place \$11.40, show \$3.60; eighteenth, 104 (Ambrose), place \$11.40, show \$3.60; nineteenth, 104 (Ambrose), place \$11.40, show \$3.60; twentieth, 104 (Ambrose), place \$11.40, show \$3.60.

THIRD RACE—Selling, three-year-olds and up six and one-half furlongs—The Bushy, 112 (Ward), straight \$19.50, place \$7.50, show \$4.50; second, 112 (Ward), place \$11.40, show \$3.60; third, 112 (Ward), place \$11.40, show \$3.60; fourth, 112 (Ward), place \$11.40, show \$3.60; fifth, 112 (Ward), place \$11.40, show \$3.60; sixth, 112 (Ward), place \$11.40, show \$3.60; seventh, 112 (Ward), place \$11.40, show \$3.60; eighth, 112 (Ward), place \$11.40, show \$3.60; ninth, 112 (Ward), place \$11.40, show \$3.60; tenth, 112 (Ward), place \$11.40, show \$3.60; eleventh, 112 (Ward), place \$11.40, show \$3.60; twelfth, 112 (Ward), place \$11.40, show \$3.60; thirteenth, 112 (Ward), place \$11.40, show \$3.60; fourteenth, 112 (Ward), place \$11.40, show \$3.60; fifteenth, 112 (Ward), place \$11.40, show \$3.60; sixteenth, 112 (Ward), place \$11.40, show \$3.60; seventeenth, 112 (Ward), place \$11.40, show \$3.60; eighteenth, 112 (Ward), place \$11.40, show \$3.60; nineteenth, 112 (Ward), place \$11.40, show \$3.60; twentieth, 112 (Ward), place \$11.40, show \$3.60.

Potatoes Take a Drop in London Market.

LONDON, Nov. 16.—Potatoes in Covent Garden Market dropped 10 shillings a ton to-day on the news of the projected food dictatorship. The present price is 10 10s. for the best variety, agricultural reports indicate a poor crop of potatoes, the late and wet season having had effect. The Irish potato crop, it is said, will be less than two-thirds of the average.

Bridge Tender Falls to Death.

John Itane, fifty-six years old, tender of the University Heights Bridge over the Harlem River, fell from the bridge yesterday morning and was drowned. His body was found off Riverside Road and taken to the Fordham Marine. He had come out on the bridge yesterday to extinguish the lights.

Women Capture 151 County Offices in Kansas.

TOPEKA, Kan., Nov. 16.—Of the two hundred and fifty-five women candidates for county offices in 92 of the Kansas counties 151 were elected according to returns received here.

THREE CENTS HIGH ENOUGH FOR LIGHT, EXPERTS DECLARE

Electrical League Representative So Tells Public Service Commission.

ASSAILS EDISON PLANT.

Seven and One-Half Cent Rate Offered Not Even Thought of as Fair, He Says.

At a hearing before the Public Service Commission this afternoon over the question of a reduction of rates to consumers of electric power, Frank R. Green, representing the Electrical League of Greater New York, declared to Chairman Strauss that three cents per kilowatt hour is a sufficiently high rate.

J. W. Lieb, vice-president of the New York Edison Company, announced on Nov. 2 that his company was willing to reduce the cost of electricity from eight to seven and a half cents, beginning on Jan. 1, and that on July 1, "if no unforeseen, adverse conditions are experienced by the companies," the rate was to be brought down to seven cents.

The meeting before the Public Service Commission was to find if there were any objections to the proposed rate of the Edison Company. Mr. Green, who says his organization represents thousands of consumers of electricity, said:

"We do not object to a reduction of rates, but we do object to a reduction on the terms the Edison Company requires. They ask you to forego for six months the right of appraisal of its plant and discontinue all complaints against the company for the same period. We believe 3 cents a kilowatt hour would be a fair price."

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FOOD SPECULATORS ASSAILED BY DILLON

Commissioner Also Points Out the Inadequacy of the Distributing System.

State Commissioner of Foods and Markets John J. Dillon, addressing 300 members of the Bronx Board of Trade at Ebling's Casino this afternoon on "Our Food Supply," said it would be a good investment for the people to guarantee to keep the food speculators in luxury if they would only agree to quit the business. He paid his respects to the inadequate system of distributing food in this city.

"Every day trainload after trainload of provisions pass down through the Bronx to the lower part of Manhattan," he declared, "only to be hauled back to the Bronx a few days later at an enormous expense."

Referring to his recent controversy with the milk distributors he said:

"While they place all sorts of fancy labels on their milk, calling it grade this, grade that and grade the other thing, it all comes from the same vat."

BANKER TO EAT CHICKEN; FIVE RIVALS TO EAT CROW

Winner Bet on Wilson and the Other Bankers Took the Losing End of the Wager.

(Special to The Evening World.)

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Nov. 16.—H. A. Molenph, President of the Citizens' Bank of Clinton, Wis., pinned his hopes on the election of Woodrow Wilson, and because of the fact he will eat tender, milk-fed chicken at a banquet in Milwaukee next week, while five others, prominent Wisconsin bankers, at the table will eat crow. These are F. J. Carr, President of the National Bank of Hudson; E. A. Dow, President of the Plymouth State Bank; R. Wheeler, Columbus, Vice President of the Farmers and Merchants' Bank; George N. Pratt, Racine, President of the First National Bank; and George A. Bartlett, Secretary of the Wisconsin Bankers' Association.

Mr. Molenph said he would eat crow if Wilson was not elected. His five colleagues took him up and each of them bet. Mr. Molenph proposes

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